FISCAL NOTE

HB 670 - SB 586

February 16, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Court Fee and Tax Advisory Council (Council). Requires the Council to meet each month in Nashville when the General Assembly is in legislative session, to report the Council's recommendation on relevant pending legislation, to complete an annual report on all existing litigation taxes and fees that are imposed, and to recommend if such taxes or fees should continue. Authorizes Council members to attend meetings remotely. Authorizes the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to employ staff to support the Council. Requires judges, chancellors, and other officers of the court to submit reports requested by the Council.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – $5,800

Assumptions:

- The Council will consist of two legislative members and 10 non-legislative members, for a total of 12 members.
- The council will meet five times each year.
- The General Assembly will be in session at the time of each Council meeting; therefore, legislative members will receive no expense reimbursement.
- The proposed legislation authorizes members to attend meetings remotely; therefore, it is estimated that four members will receive expense reimbursement for each meeting.
- The average mileage reimbursement per member for each meeting is estimated to be $110 ($0.47 x 234 miles).
- The nightly lodging reimbursement per member for each meeting is $179.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures for expense reimbursement for the Council is estimated to be $5,780 [($110 mileage + $179 lodging) x 4 members x 5 meetings].
- The AOC can compile the required annual report within existing resources.
- Any impact to the court system resulting from compiling reports for submission to the Council is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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